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Lyme, January 8.

THE 6th instant arrived here the *Thomas* and *Mary* of this place from the *Canaries*, who came from thence in *November* last, in company of three other Vessels bound for *London*; the Master reports, that before their coming thence, the *French* Squadron, under the command of the Count *d' Estrée*, consisting in 36 Sail of Men of War, Fireships and Tenders, had appeared off those Islands, but that their design was not known.

Vienna, Decemb. 25. Count *Montecuculi* having received the Emperors Commands to repair forthwith to *Lintz*, his Excellency, though indisposed, is accordingly parted from hence on his way thither; we cannot learn what may be the reason, that the Emperor, who had resolved not to trouble himself with any business till his return hither, which we expect will be about the middle of the next month, should so far have changed his resolution, as to command the General Officers to render themselves forthwith at *Lintz*, in order to the holding a Council of War there. From *Hungary* they write, that the Rebels give out, that they shall have a good Army in the Field within few months, though as yet we are to learn by what means.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2. The *Suedes* continue still at *Helsingburg*, and give out that they will not stir from thence, till they have made themselves Masters of the Castle, to which end several Mortar-pieces have been brought thither; they expected likewise a considerable quantity of Ammunition from *Malmoe*, but we have news that one of our Parties hath intercepted the same, the *Suedes* Troops that served for a Convoy to it, being advanced before. The King, with his Brother Prince *George*, was the other day at *Cronenburg*, to take himself an account of the posture of things. The Siew *Tromp* is preparing to take a journey for *Holland*, to press, as is said, the *States General* in the matter of the Equipage for the next Summer; for except they assist us with a Squadron of Men of War, to be added to our Fleet, we shall not be able to meet the *Suedish* Fleet at Sea, which, as our Advices from *Stockholme* inform us, will be out very early. The Auditor General of our Army is gone over for *Schonen*, to exchange Prisoners with the *Suedes*, to which they have at length agreed. Levies are making all this Kingdom over, and we pretend that with the Auxiliaries we expect from the Duke of *Lunenburg*, and other of our Allies, we shall have against Spring an Army of between 20 and 30000 men, which will be commanded by the Duke of *Holstein Ploen*, who is, it seems, to return into his Majesties service. Two dayes since arrived here a Gentleman with Letters from the said Duke, and at present waits for an answer to them.

Ditto. The *Suedes* have made several Attacks upon the Castle of *Helsingburg*, but hitherto without any success; one Colonel *Sconevelt* commands in it, who has in former occasions given great proof of his courage and conduct, and therefore leaves us no room to apprehend any failure on his part: and we are told, that to remove the Enemy out of the Town of *Helsingburg*, it has been resolved to burn it down; but the execution will be very difficult, as long as the Enemy continues there. They have in the mean time made great devastations in the Countrey of *Schonen*, and we have the names of above 16 or 17 Villages that have been burnt down by them; they are likewise very severe to the Boors, who have sided with us, to terrifie them from giving our Troops any help or assistance for the future. It is reported here, as if the Sieur *Guldenlieu*, Viceroy of *Norway*, had fallen with 6 or 7000 men into the *Suedish* Territories on that side, making great havock where he came, which we hope will oblige the King of *Sueden* to weaken his Army in *Schonen*, by sending a Body of men to secure those parts.

Berlin, Jan. 5. Great preparations are making here against the next Campagne, which we are told our Elector will begin with the siege of *Stetin*. We hear no more spoken of any design upon the Isle of *Rugen*, during this Winter, the *Suedes* being there in so good a posture, that we cannot attempt any thing upon them; his Electoral Highness has for some dayes past been very ill of the Gout at his Residence at *Postdam*, and we are this day informed, that the violence of the pain has even put him into a Fever. From *Stralsondt*, and those parts, we understand, that there had been very great rejoycing for the Victory which the King of *Sueden* is said to have obtained the 14 of the last month upon the *Danes* in *Schonen*; whether that Action was so much to their advantage, as they relate it, we cannot say, but this even our Letters from *Denmark* tell us, that the *Suedes* have gained their point in relieving *Malmoe*, and in remaining Masters of the Field, which may give them opportunity of obtaining farther advantages this Winter.

Strasburg, Jan. 8. The *French* have begun to demolish *Hagenaw*, and it is reported that they mean to do the like to *Saverne*, which we can hardly believe. In the mean time the *Imperialists* continue to have a jealousie that they have some design upon the Fort, which lies opposite to *Philipsburg*, on the other side of the *Rhine*, during this hard Frost, which would very much facilitate such an enterprize. From *Ratisbonne* we are told, that the Deputy of the Elector of *Bavaria* at the Dyet, had made a fresh Declaration, that the Duke his Master could by no means think fit to become a Party in the present War, but that he would employ his utmost endeavors for the procuring a Peace, which he look'd upon as the greatest good that could be obtained for the Empire, and the several Members thereof, who are almost ruined by the continuance of the War.

Cologne, Jan. 12. Upon the Representations made to the Emperor by the Duke of *Osnabrug*, of the necessity there was that his Troops should winter in this Diocess, and that they could not be removed without great prejudice to the Common Cause, the former Orders of his Imperial Majesty requiring the said Troops forthwith to quit this Diocess, have been Revoked, and others have been obtained, by which they have their Winter-quarters assigned in it.

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